



# Gearing Up For Your Transitions

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

### *Reflect on Affordable Housing*

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### **LESSON 5**

This week you have discussed the topic of affordable housing and how it affects the students personally as well as the community that they live in. Today the students are going to complete a word match to test their knowledge on what they have learned this week. In addition, the students will be asked to write a short, reflective journal entry.

#### **I. Activity 1 - Word Match (15 minutes)**

- Have the students complete the word match
- Review and discuss the answers with the class
- Encourage the students to ask questions about what they have learned this week and get them to start thinking about the concept that it's important for them to share their knowledge about affordable housing with others in their community

#### **II. Activity 2 - Journal Writing (35 minutes)**

- Ask the students to write a journal entry on the following topic: When you leave school today, what will you tell someone close to you about affordable housing?
- Examples:
  - ❖ Your community is made up of many different people who all make different amounts of money. However, not everyone can afford to live in the community they work in.
  - ❖ Everyone in your community deserves to have a home they can afford.
  - ❖ Affordable housing means the house you live in costs no more than 30% of your gross income.
  - ❖ Your community would not be the same without everyone that is in it- your doctor, your hair stylist, your fire fighters, etc.

#### **III. Optional Activity**

- Have several students share their journal entries with the class.